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My dear Doctor

I am unwilling that you should forget me, & imagine that I cease to remember you, tho' my letter will contain nothing but an account of my further sorrow. I believe I mentioned to you, some time since, that my poor brother Sam: was again suffering severely with his old bronchial complaint, which growing worse from time to time, laid him up with severe inflammatory symptoms, about a month since - & for nearly 3 weeks of the time to his bed - Altho' the extreme urgency of the case is less, at present, yet Dr. Beales says his lungs are still obstructed, & he greatly fears that tubercular matter has formed there - He is also suffering from oedema, & is reduced to a fearful degree of weakness - You may well suppose how great is my anxiety, & with what distressing forebodings I look at his 4 young children -

From the tenor of a letter from our valued
friend Lomey, I looked to have seen you
at N.Y. some 5 weeks ago, when he himself
counted upon visiting the City, but as I did not
see him, I presume he changed his purpose -
with a view to lighten my Brother's Care,
& his Partner's labours, I have tendered to them
my temporary assistance, at the Country H.,
& my time will therefore be fully occupied
in Pine St. until the event. - I feel by
no means fit for business, but am anxious
to do my possible - I find I pencilled the
following Mem^a. on your list of 12 Aug^o -

Anemone cylind^a. Gr. does not belong to
E. Anemoneanthes D. but to E. Anemoneospermus,
as I rec^d. long ago from the North, a Spec^m. in
which one of the Ped^s. had the invol. & since
the fire, another (I think from Vasey) moreover
the habit belongs also to E. Anemoneospermus.
This Mem^a. I meant if you chose to figure
the plant & correct the matter in your
illustrated Genera -

Broomia - Chapman has sent it to me, & says
it is certainly endogamous - ?

Pieradenia - seems to me clearly Heliconia
- why did you omit the genus?

Leparia - Why omitted? Does it not belong
to Larcocanth. near Baccharis

You sent me some plants collected
by Tolwell in M. F. 94. Miss. or Mich.?

Did the imperfect Paper ever reach
you on Lycopodium? If so, return
it unless you can give me a perfect
one - also that wherein you wrote
something on the preference of
Cultures for particular plants
if you have one - I want to see it -

These are my Mem^a. if you have time to
notice them, very well; if not, never mind,
but believe me, tho' in much trouble
of all sorts, very truly Yrs. J. Vasey
Kind regards to brother George

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